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## SPARKS THREATEN TO "DECLARE WAR" ON BALFOUR BEATTY

Rank and file electricians are threatening to "declare war" on Balfour Beatty following a row over a redundant spark in Scotland.

Industry activists claim Glasgow electrician Stewart Hume has been singled-out because of his support for the recent fight against the BESNA deal which was dumped following a successful rank-and-file campaign.

Hume was working at the Grangemouth power station project during the BESNA dispute for Balfour Beatty Engineering Services.

He said he was transferred from the site and has now been made redundant.

Hume said: "I'm extremely disappointed that after 16 years service with the company that they have used my opposition to BESNA against me.

"I did what was right, the threat of de-skilling our industry was something that I wasn't prepared to stand by and allow to happen."

A spokesman for the rank and file electricians said: "Its simple. If Balfour Beatty don't reinstate Stewart Hume by 10th September then we'll consider that a declaration of war.

"Every Balfour Beatty project in the country will be a legitimate target."

## GRIM REAPER VISITS CARILLION DEATH HEARING

Workers employed by Carillion who were blacklisted after raising safety concerns have protested outside a court in Swansea where the firm is being prosecuted after a site death.

The plea and case management hearing at Swansea Crown Court on 6 September 2012 was in relation to the death of scaffolder Russell Samuel. The father of two, aged 40, suffered massive head injuries on 22 January 2008 after falling 62ft from a skyscraper complex which includes the tallest residential building in Wales.

Febrey Limited, Michael Febrey and Carillion Construction Limited are all charged with criminal breaches of safety law in a case brought by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). The union GMB called the demonstration outside the court.

One of the demonstrators was dressed as a 'grim reaper', complete with scythe. Protesters carried placards bearing the words 'Carillion blacklisted health and safety representatives says GMB' and 'Carillion corporate bullying risks death and injuries on sites.'

GMB national officer Justin Bowden said: "This demonstration is to highlight the terrible toll of death and injury in the construction sector and to underline the importance of the proper enforcement of health and safety laws to prevent this carnage. Employers which kill and maim workers are as guilty of a crime as someone who kills or maims while drink-driving."

He added that Carillion was part of a "blacklisting conspiracy which deprived workers in the sector of jobs even when they raised concerns about the enforcement of basic health and safety and hygiene standards."

Justin Bowden and GMB Scotland secretary Harry Donaldson gave evidence to the House of Commons' Scottish Affairs Committee enquiry on blacklisting on 4 September 2012. The union says only 194 of the 3,213 workers on a construction-industry run blacklist exposed by the information Commissioner's Office (ICO) in 2009 know they were targeted three years on.

The situation is an "indictment" of the ICO, the union said, describing the privacy watchdog's excuses for not contacting blacklisted workers as "so weak as to be a joke."

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